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Applicant: Thompson :
Serial No.: 10/064,244 : Group No.: 3679
Filed: June 25, 2002 : Examiner: D. Bochna
For: PIPE CONNECTING ASSEMBLY :
AND METHOD OF USE :

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

___ a small entity. A verified statement:
___ is attached.
___ was already filed.
☒ other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1-5) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<u> </u> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<u> </u> two months	\$ 390.00	\$ 195.00
<u> </u> three months	\$ 890.00	\$ 445.00
<u> </u> four months	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 695.00

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Fee: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

 An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$.

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSL Y PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS	*	=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS	**	=	x \$40 = \$		x \$80 = \$
___ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$135 = \$		+ \$270 = \$
					TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$	or	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$

- (c)
- ☒
- No additional fee for Claims is required.

OR

- (d) ___ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

FEE PAYMENT

5. ___ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ ____.

___ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ _____
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FEE DEFICIENCY

- 6.
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AND/OR

- ☒
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- Submission of Marked Up Claims (1 pg.)
- Amendment Transmittal Cover Form (3 pgs.), in duplicate
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